

## Site Activities Update

Devil's Swamp Lake Site  
Alsen, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana

June 2012

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### Current activities

The first part of the Devil's Swamp Lake investigation, also known as the Tier 1 Remedial Investigation (RI) has been completed. The document was reviewed and approved. The final document has also been distributed to the TAG recipient, and copies are available in the site repository library.

### What's next?

The investigation is now proceeding with a more in-depth risk evaluation of the initially identified contaminants and likely exposure pathways. A work plan for the second part of the investigation has been developed, reviewed and approved. This is known as the Tier 2 work plan that provides for a second round of sample collection/field activities. This will include collection of fish and crawfish tissue samples that will be used to complete the final Human Health Risk Assessment and a Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment.

The EPA is updating the community that the Tier 2 investigation is underway and field activities are likely to start by mid July 2012. EPA will also continue to update the community when the Tier 2 report becomes final through fact sheets, public meetings and our Superfund Site Summaries on the EPA Region 6 Website.

The LDEQ and the EPA, through their oversight contractors, will monitor field activities. LDEQ and other state agencies will also use the results to conduct a reassessment of the current fish consumption advisory for Devil's Swamp.

Clean Harbors, EPA, LDEQ and other regulators will evaluate the results of this Tier 2 RI to identify further work to be conducted at the Superfund site.

### Technical Assistance Grant (TAG)

In July 2010, the EPA awarded a TAG to Alsen/St. Irma Lee Community Enterprise, Inc. The Superfund Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) Program provides funds to eligible community groups living near Superfund sites to procure independent Technical Advisors (TA) to help your group interpret and comment on site related information and decisions. Examples of how a Technical Advisor can help your group includes: (a) reviewing preliminary site assessment/site investigation data; (b) participating in public meetings to help interpret information about site conditions, proposed remedies, and the implementation of the remedy; and visiting the site periodically during cleanup, if possible, to observe progress and provide technical updates to your group. With the assistance of

the TA your group will become better informed participants in the Superfund process. The TAG group has selected Mr. Daniel G. Schuler of Nave Environmental, LLC as the Technical Advisor.

### Site history

Devil's Swamp is in a large flood plain area which consists of Devil's Swamp Lake and areas of Devil's Swamp immediately adjoining the lake. This swamp is near Alsen, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, about ten miles north of the City of Baton Rouge. Devil's Swamp Lake Site is characterized as a man-made lake, resulting from the construction of the Port of Greater Baton Rouge Terminal (a.k.a. Baton Rouge Barge Harbor) in 1973.

The Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc. (Clean Harbors), formerly Rollins Environmental Services of Louisiana, Inc., is located northeast of the Baton Rouge Barge Harbor and west of Scenic Highway. Rollins began operating a hazardous chemical disposal facility in 1971. This facility is adjacent to Devil's Swamp.

### Where to get more information

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Devil's Swamp Lake Superfund site

<http://www.epa.gov/region6/6sf/pdf/files/devils-swamp-la.pdf>

### Site Repository

Scotlandville Branch Library  
7373 Scenic Hwy  
Baton Rouge, LA 70807

